

ABSTRACT

G-IA-187

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(189)

1767 (mound), 1902 (monument)

Salisbury, Pennsylvania vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. ---(189) and its large mound of earth ^{on Meadow Mountain ridge} mark Mason and Dixon's 176 miles and 46 chains west of the "Post Marked West in Mr. Bryan's Field" or 173.584 miles from the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line, the English provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The monument is a very plain dressed marble post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, Maryland; is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly in place; measures 10 inches square by about 13 inches high above the mound; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side ^{the site was} (when/originally surveyed and marked with a cairn), and 1902 ^{on the west side} (when the new monument was added to the mound ^{during} the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, replacing the original wood post, long since gone). The mound, also in excellent condition, is well preserved and measures about 14 feet in diameter by about 3 feet high at the center. On the national and state levels, No. ---(189) and its mound are significant primarily as being among the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line. Locally, as among the some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, they are also significant symbolically for their identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)

HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE, Post Marked W on the West Side and
Heap of Earth marking 176 miles and 46 chains from the Post Marked
AND/OR COMMON West in Mr. Bryan's Field
MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 189)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the west side of Meyersdale Road/T-496, Meadow Mountain ridge

CITY, TOWN

Salisbury

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VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 12

STATE

Pennsylvania

COUNTY

MD: Garrett / PA: Somerset

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS N/A	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	X not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY X OTHER state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument and mound only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

NAME

State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE

Garrett County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

G-IA-187 entered 9/4/81

☐ FEDERAL☒

STATE

☐ COUNTY☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
(monument & mound)		(monument & mound)	(monument & mound)
X-EXCELLENT	___DETERIORATED	X-UNALTERED	X-ORIGINAL SITE
___GOOD	___RUINS	___ALTERED	___MOVED
___FAIR	___UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. --- (189) and its large mound of earth mark Mason and Dixon's 176 miles and 46 chains west of the "Post Marked West in Mr. Bryan's Field" (or 173.584 miles from the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their ^{230.228-mile} West Line). The monument was a new, dressed Cockeysville marble post with a low pyramidal top when added to the mound in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly in place; measures 10 inches square by about 13 inches high above the mound; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when the site was originally surveyed and marked with a cairn), and 1902 on the west side. The mound, also in excellent condition, ^{is well preserved, and} measures about 14 feet in diameter by about 3 feet high at the center, where the monument now replaces the original wood post to mark the survey point.

The area here is the high, ^{remote,} densely forested ridge of Meadow Mountain (elevation at the site 2755 feet), ^{identified} as "Top of little Meadow Mountain" by Mason and Dixon in their journal (A. H. Mason transcription 1969, p. 193). The site is within Election District 3 of Garrett County, MD, and marks the ^{south} corner of Greenville and Elk Lick Townships of Somerset County, PA; about 2 1/4 miles southeast of the town of Salisbury, PA; about 2 1/2 miles north-northeast of the scattered settlement of Piney Run, MD; about 1200 feet west of the Meyersdale Road/T-496; at the north end of the ridge; at a point about 28 feet south of the pipeline, in the forest, with an old east-west barbed wire fence running across the south edge of the mound, joined by an old north-south barbed wire fence to form a corner. It cannot be seen from any road or the pipeline; but easily from nearby along one of the fences, and is protected by the fencing, ^{obscurity} and remoteness.

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill to visually reestablish the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, was quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD, of a white, fine-grained marble called magnesian limestone or saccharoidal dolomite; was originally cut about 10 inches square by about 4 1/2 feet long, intended for setting about 1 1/2 feet above ground with the remaining 3 feet for setting into the ground, eliminating the need for a concrete foundation. The letters and numbers are blocky, V-sunk without serifs, and are horizontally aligned as a band around the stone near the top. These, and the top planes and apex are intact and clear, though there are small chips at the top corners and northeast vertical edge. (see Thematic Group NR nomination form for further descriptions of the 1900-03 Resurvey monuments and original mounds)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION	boundary surveying			

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (mound)
 1902 (monument)

~~LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
 SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Avilton (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series
(topographic), 1947 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 66653, northing 439855

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Garrett

STATE Pennsylvania

COUNTY Somerset

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

10/11/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

(301) 472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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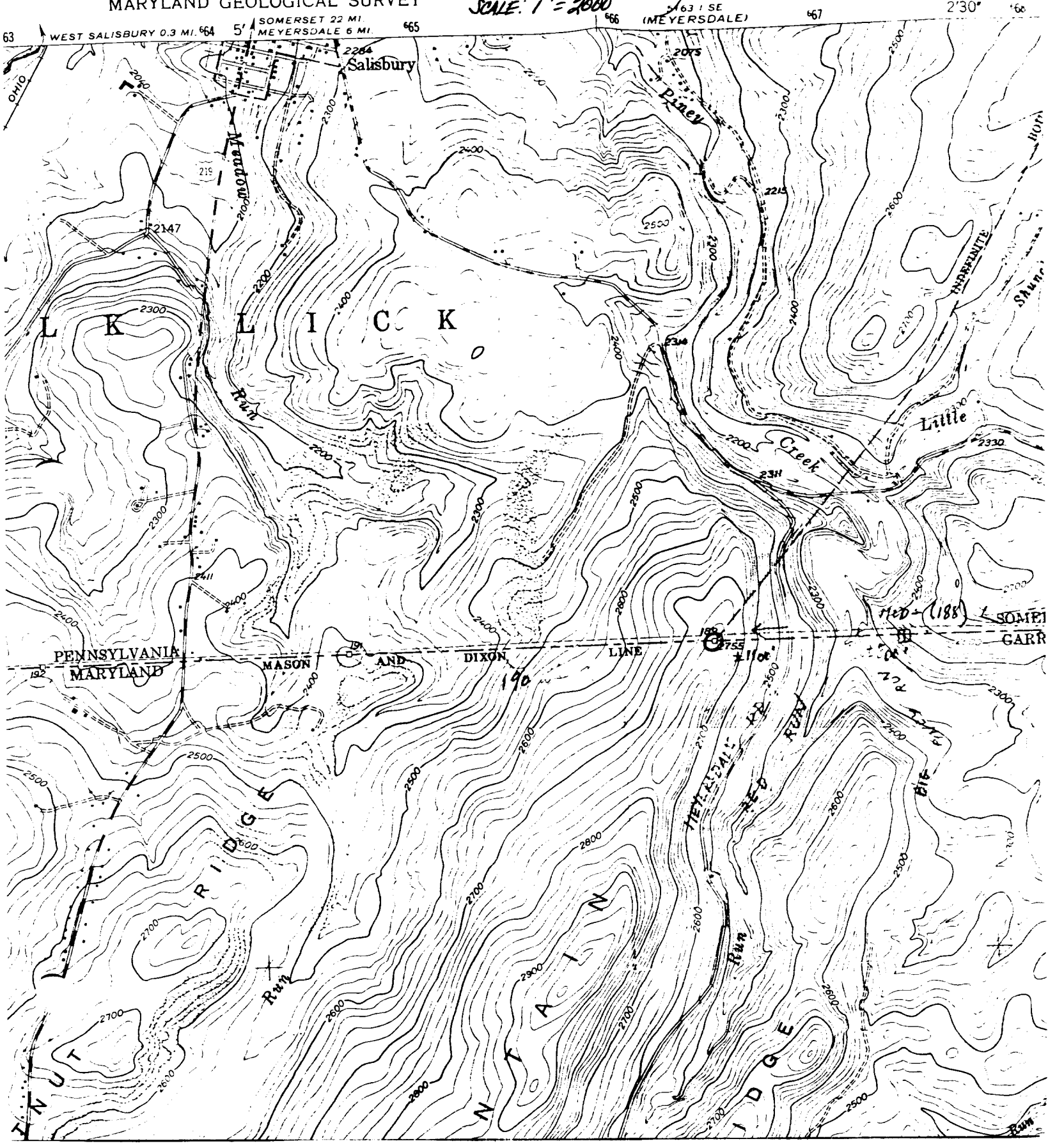
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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MASON EDIXON WEST LINE (MD-PA) BOUNDARY MARKERS!
MILESTONE NO. — 1187

AVILTON QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1947 PHOTO REV. 1974
STATE OF MARYLAND
MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
TOPOGRAPHIC AND GEOLOGIC SURVEY

SCALE: 1" = 2000'





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MASON EDIXON'S WEST LIRE; MILESTONE — (189)
STONE MARK NEXT (1902) IN LARGE MID HIND OF EARTH (1907)

VIEW OF NW CORNER (P11902), MOONVISE TIRE-

PHOTO ALICE HAILTON 10/11/81 (1981-45-31A)



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VIA - 1000-1000-1000-1000 - 19
STONE MONUMENT 0-2 1/2 IN. 2 IN. 1 IN. 1 IN.
62 PARTH (1/2)

ON SOUTH, 1/2 IN.

1000-1000-1000-1000 - 1/2 IN. 1/2 IN. 1/2 IN. 1/2 IN.